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**SACRAMENTO MAN SENTENCED TO 51 MONTHS
INCARCERATION FOR IDENTITY THEFT AND BANK FRAUD**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DAVID RAPHEL KING, 26, was sentenced today to 51 months of federal incarceration for his convictions for conspiracy to commit bank fraud and to transfer and use identification of another to commit federal crimes; twenty-six counts of bank fraud; and two counts of transfer and use of identification of another to commit federal offenses. On May 5, 2005, King was found guilty after a 2 week jury trial before U.S. District Court Judge William B. Shubb.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Sacramento Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, KING is the sixth defendant to be convicted and sentenced in the case. At the sentencing hearing today, Judge Shubb found KING to be the ringleader in the identity theft schemes and bank fraud conspiracy. KING paid cash to obtain confidential bank and credit union account information and identity information of account holders through financial institution insiders at Golden One Credit Union, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo Bank. KING and others operating under his direction made and obtained false identification documents in the names of the original account holders, along with fictitious financial instruments bearing the names and/or account information of the original account holders. KING also used the stolen bank and credit union information to create counterfeit checks. KING used a network of runners -- persons KING paid a percentage of the face value of a counterfeit check -- to cash counterfeit checks at stores, banks, and credit unions.

"The crime of identity theft has grown at alarming rates in recent years. Today's stiff punishment sends an unambiguous message that identity theft is a serious crime and will be treated as such," said United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott.

On March 17, 2004, co-defendant KENNETH L. SHANDY pled guilty to conspiring with KING to commit bank fraud and identity theft. On November 18, 2003, co-defendant DORIAN P. THOMAS pled guilty to conspiring with KING to commit, among other things, bank fraud and identity theft. On July 30, 2003, DARYEN C. SIMMONS pled guilty to, among other things, conspiring with KING to commit bank fraud and identity theft. On June 1, 2005, SHANDY, THOMAS, and SIMMONS were each sentenced to 6 months incarceration followed by 5 years of federal court supervision. On July 31, 2003, defendant TABITHA HARRIS pled guilty to misdemeanor bank larceny. On July 8, 2003, defendant JAMIE ALFRED pled guilty to

misdemeanor bank larceny. HARRIS and ALFRED were first time offenders and received probationary sentences of 5 years federal court supervision.

KING was on California state probation for robbery with a firearm at the time he committed the federal identity theft and bank fraud crimes. After KING completes his 51 month federal sentence, KING will be on federal court supervision for 5 years.

There were over 60 victims in this case. However, no financial institution customers lost any funds as a result of KING's identity theft and bank fraud crimes. All customer funds were federally insured. Today, the federal court ordered that KING pay restitution to several financial institutions in the amount of \$88,310.85. In addition, KING was ordered to pay a special assessment of \$2,900 for his 29 felony convictions.

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